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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT

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1. APPRECIATE AND SHARE GOE IMPATIENCE WITH DELAYS IN COMPLETING INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, USG HAS MADE STRONG HIGH LEVEL APPROACHES REPEATEDLY TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS AND HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT EARLY AND FAVORABLE DECISIONS WERE IMMINENT. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT PROMISED DECISIONS WILL BE MADE SOON.

2. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN LAST WEEK WITH FRENCH FORNOFF UNDER SECRETARY FROMENT-MEURICE, WHO ANTICIPATED THAT AUGUST 11 EC MEETING WOULD ACT ON AID TO EGYPT. HAVING NO REPORT OF OUTCOME, DEPARTMENT IS QUERYING ROME AND BRUSSELS.

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3. ROBINSON ALSO DISCUSSED WITH IRANIAN FINANCE MINISTER ANSARY IN EUROPE EARLY LAST WEEK. ANSARY, WHO HAS BEEN ON LEAVE, PROMISED TO LOOK INTO STATUS ON RETURN AUGUST 16 TO TEHRAN. HE SPOKE OF DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING SUFFICIENT GOODS PRODUCED BY IRAN IN EGYPTIAN IMPORT LIST AS FACTOR HOLDING UP GOI ACTION ON THE TIED \$100 MILLION PORTION AND CONSEQUENTLY ON ENTIRE IRANIAN COMMITMENT OF \$250 MILLION. SUGGEST AMBASSADORS EILTS AND HELMS URGE ABU ISMAIL AND ANSARY TO ARRANGE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS TO CLEAR THIS OBSTACLE.

4. DIRECT APPROACHES BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN BONN, PARIS AND HAGUE ALSO SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, IN VIEW OF INDICATION THAT ABU ISMAIL HAS SPOKEN ONLY TO BRITISH LATELY ON AID REQUEST.

5. EMBASSY AND GOE ARE FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT STATE OF JAPANESE RECONSIDERATION AND ASSURANCE OF PRIME MINISTER OF EARLY ACTION. SISCO

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